Completion of SYL Canal

805. DR. BAPU KALDATE: SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA:

WiU the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan/ proposal with the Central Government to ask the Punjab Government to complete the SYL Canal in Punjab Territory ;

(b) if so, by when the SYL Canal is proposed to be completed ; and

(c) whether any dialogue in this regard has taken place among the Central Government and the Governments of Punjab and Haryana on the issue of completion of this Canal for the benefit of small and marginal farmers in the State of Haryana ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON). (a) Government of Punjab has already been advised to engage appropriate agency/agencies to complete the balance works of SYL Canal in Punjab.

(b) The time schedule for completing the project will depend upon nature and capacity of the new agency/agencies to be engaged by Government of Punjab.

(c) In the month of July and August 1992 meetings were held with the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan when various inter-state water related issues were discussed. Completion of SYL Canal was one of the issues discussed daring the above meetings.

Requirement of drinking water in the Country

806. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that current requirement of drinking water is 25 billion cubic metres a day;

(b) what is per capita requirement of drinking water for rural people vis-a-vis urban people;

(c) the extent to which the re quirement is met and what steps Go vernment are taking in this regard;

(d) whether it is also a fact that storing of rain water in dams, catchment area development and water harvesting are some of the measures that can meet country's damand for drinking water;

(e) if so, the measures Government propose to take in this regard;

(f) whether Government are able to provide potable water to rural people; if so, to what extent; and

(g) the reasons for shortfall ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) to (g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

उत्तर प्रदेश में भूमिगत जल संकट

807. श्री शांति त्यागी : क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में भूगर्भ जल